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1. From October 1951 through April 1953, twin-engine commercial aircraft [redacted] were continuously seen over Warsaw-Okęcie (R 53/P 98) airfield. Once, a twin-engine aircraft [redacted] also biplanes [redacted] Occasionally 4-engine and twin-engine aircraft and [redacted] were seen. These aircraft were apparently military aircraft. They made local training flights during the day. Although the field was equipped with night landing facilities, noise of flying aircraft was seldom heard at night. Cargo gliders were also seen over the field; [redacted]

2. No jet aircraft were stationed at the field nor did they ever land or take off there. The jets which were seen on national holidays mostly approached from the north. They were fitted with swept-back wings. After the summer of 1952, jet aircraft arrived in formations of up to 50. Parachuting was repeatedly practiced from twin-engine aircraft over the field with from 8 to 10 men jumping from altitudes of 200 to 300 meters. The aircraft which were used by the parachutists approached the field in formations of 6 or 7, then formed a single-file formation before the parachutists jumped. Only white parachutes were observed. Aircraft with Soviet national insignia were seen very seldom.

1. [redacted] Comment. A commercial airport is located at Warsaw-Okęcie. The commercial aircraft [redacted] was Rumanian.

2. [redacted] Comment. The installation is believed to be occupied by an air transport unit which frequently practices parachuting. It is also believed that the field is used by small Polish bomber units, at least temporarily. Four-engine aircraft are reported for the first time at this installation and could have been transports of the type Il-18.

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